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In re application of : Docket No.: OT-4607
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action dated March 26, 2004, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 are independent.

Initially, Applicants again gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 1 is allowed, and that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, since Applicants continue to believe that independent claim 2 is allowable, for the reasons discussed below, claims 5 and 6 have not been so rewritten at this time.

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Request for Reconsideration
Response to final Action dated 3/26/04

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